

KARO-ECHO Board Meeting

4/05/23

via Zoom

Attendees:

Howdy Goudey	KE6BEE
Frans Kuypers	KJ6IUV
Annette McCoubry	KJ6SWK
Tom Fattaruso	KN6BUY
Hal Graboske	KK6NDF

Board discussion items:

- Spring SET date April 22th
- Member survey responses (22, 3 dupes)
- Current membership update
- Plan for future meetings
 - April: Prep for SET
 - May: Post SET discussion
 - June: Prepare for Field Day
 - July: Post Field Day discussion
 - August: Mike N6JGA, ARRL section manager
 - Sept+: possible presentation Richard Dillman KPH/MRHS and , KPH field trip opportunity
- MOU and Patch box follow-ups - request in to public works
- QSL card with printed and available
- Other ideas and main meeting agenda items?

Topics discussed:

CERT area changes

- Current CERT areas may be changed to ZoneHaven areas with different boundaries.
- If this does happen it may not affect our operation because the city parks where we set up radio posts are natural neighborhood gathering places.

Spring SET

- The main topic for the upcoming membership meeting will be planning for the spring SET on Apr.22.
- The plan for the SET is mostly similar to previous times but we will add more welfare messages, both voice and digital.
- For digital welfare message practice that involve email addresses, members may not

want their email address broadcast on a radio transmission so for demonstration purposes we will look into making a demo email address. One possibility could be the W6ECK@arri.net forwarding address. Frans, KJ6IUV will check whether it has been set up yet.

- The SET sign-up form will be available soon.

Club QSL card

- 100 QSL cards were printed by Kanoli at no cost to us. We need to acknowledge his contribution and send a thank you card.
- The back of the QSL card is blank so it can have an adhesive backed printed label applied to it for different purposes.
- A QSL card used as a general information handout could be given to interested visitors during the SET. It could have a basic description of KARO-ECHO and our website address on the back.
- A card used for contact information could have the traditional QSL information form applied to the back.

Possible radio shed

- We don't know yet whether the UUCB will allow us to move a Tuff-Shed that needs to be removed from a location in Kensington lot to the church parking area.

FRS/GMRS neighborhood nets

- FRS/GMRS operators can provide ham operators with important neighborhood area communication during an emergency.
- Areas of Berkeley, Richmond, and Albany have active FRS/GMRS groups and KARO-ECHO members have volunteered to work on organizing El Cerrito and Kensington FRS/GMRS groups.
- A separate FRS/GMRS neighborhood network website could make it easier to find neighborhood network specific information rather than searching for it on the KARO-ECHO website.

EOC operation in an emergency

- We don't definitively know how the KARO-ECHO EOC operator in El Cerrito City Hall will interface with the city emergency response services but ongoing attempts are being made to arrange a meeting with the new fire chief.